

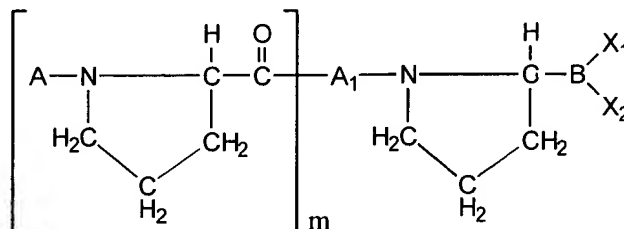
In the Specification

Please re-write selected sections of the specification as shown below.

Please insert the following paragraphs on page 3, between lines 20 and 21:

Some representative agents of Formula I can be further defined by Formula III as follows:

Formula III



wherein m is an integer between 0 and 10, inclusive; A and A_1 are L-amino acid residues (for glycine there is no such distinction) such that the A in each repeating bracketed unit can be a different amino acid residue; the C bonded to B is in the L-configuration; the bonds between A and N , A_1 and C , and between A_1 and N are peptide bonds; and each X_1 and X_2 is, independently, a hydroxyl group or a group capable of being hydrolyzed to a hydroxyl group in aqueous solution at physiological pH. By "the C bonded to B is in the L-configuration" is meant that the absolute configuration of the C is like that of an L-amino acid.

In general, naturally occurring compounds which contain a chiral center are only in one stereo isomeric form, either D or L. The naturally occurring amino acids are the L stereo isomers; however, the invention embraces amino acids which can be in the D stereo isomer configuration.